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The RIOT ACT

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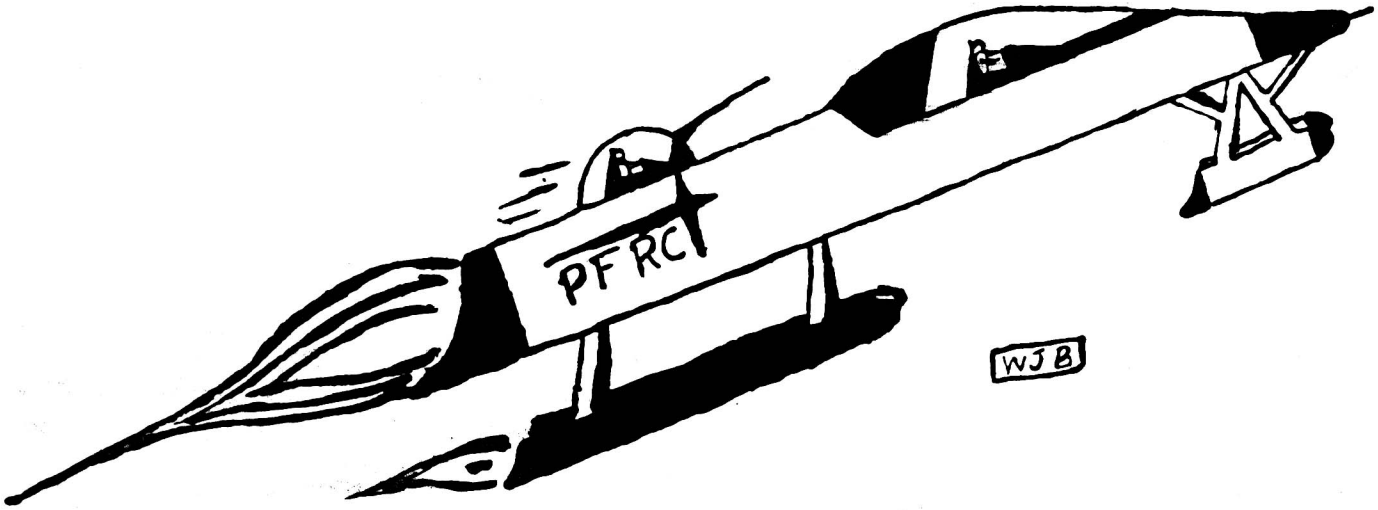
The latest Riot Act ever!



With a cast of several!

WHAT'S NEW IN PFRC?!

A lot has happened with the club since the last riot act was issued, so we would like to extend our congratulations to the following:

WEDDINGS:

1.	Richard & Crystel (Ritter) Fernholz	October 1st, 1983
2.	James & Pamela (Cleary) Baranski	November 25th, 1983
3.	Mark & Kathy (Erickson) Keithly	December 23th, 1983
4.	Scott & Roxanne (Meida) Sheilds	February 29th, 1984
5.	Robert & Constance (Martin) Trembley	August 4th, 1984
6.	Tullio & Donna (Struwe) Proni	August 11th, 1984

Congratulations also to Bill Hanes on his recent marriage and birth of his first child.

ENGAGEMENTS:

1. Cap'n Al Duester & Bonnie Chapline
2. Todd Johnson & MaryLynn Skirvin
3. Scott Freytag & Kelly Trombly
4. Chris Kuipers & Fiance

BIRTHS:

1. Timothy Allen Nuss January 1983
2. Danniel Augustus Tucker August 1983

We would also like to congratulate Paul Westerfield on the first ASACKA newsletter; it looked great!

Constance L. Trembley
Bill de Beaubien

WINDYCON X TRIPLOG

The flight down to Chicago was uneventful as we passed the Kremlin, Denmark, Poland, Sheboygan, Cleveland, and Belgium. We finally arrived at the hotel (the Arlington Hilton) after getting lost but not really (but that is another story entirely). The hotel was nice, but the staff wanted to run a Hilton, not a con. They were a little uncooperative on the con bringing its own BHEER for the con-suite rather than buying it from the Hilton at Hilton (read absurd) prices.

Violators of the con's weapon policy were swiftly and effectively dealt with. As a side note, a first for a con! There was meat available in the con-suite. However, it was frozen. This did cut down on the smell, though. Several members (male) of the PFRC were molested in a public area by as many as four (4) members of ICA (International Cleavage Association). Pictures were taken, perhaps for blackmail purposes. The elevators were moving swiftly, another first for a con. However, the lack of waiting tended to discourage elevator parties.

Free enterprise was alive and well in the huckster's room, though there was nothing free about it. Mark Hyde, being the wolf that he is, was up to his usual tricks of procuring women for a few hours entertainment (?). His friend Bob was literally alienating everybody (with his alien costume).

by Gary Gielincki
Eric Jones
Angela Karash

FILM CO-OP UPDATE

For those of you who haven't been with us in a while, we are no longer a part of the film co-op. We defended our position to the co-op in the fall of '82, and were denied enterance for a third and final time. Several letters in the Lode and trips to the Dean of Students proved unsuccessful, but we didn't give up due to the major portion of the campus being behind us.

The campus now has a new Dean of Students who is willing to listen to our complaints (and has already listened to the complaints of the other members of the co-op, except those of APO), and wants to restructure the whole co-op system from within. If these changes go through, the PFRC would like to become a part of the co-op again, but it is going to take a lot of time.

Constace L. Trembley
Bill de Beaubien

MIKE JITTLOV REPORT

During Tech Arts Festival of 1983, PFRC was pleased to bring up Mike Jittlov, Animator Extrordinaire. After several months of negotiations (and the threatened abduction of his mother by the club hit man) Mike agreed to attend.

While he was with us, he gave a radio interview, toured the scenic Copper Country (including three feet of pigeon droppings in the top of the Quincy mine shaft, the treacherous ice covered Houghton breakers, and other miscellaneous deathtraps), autographed posters for members, partied, and gave a wonderful and awe-inspiring film animation presentation, at which he showed all of his shorts (Fisher 135 was standing room only, and we were still turning people away an hour into the presentation).

Mike's stay was one which shall not be soon forgotten, and we hope to see him in the U.P. again.

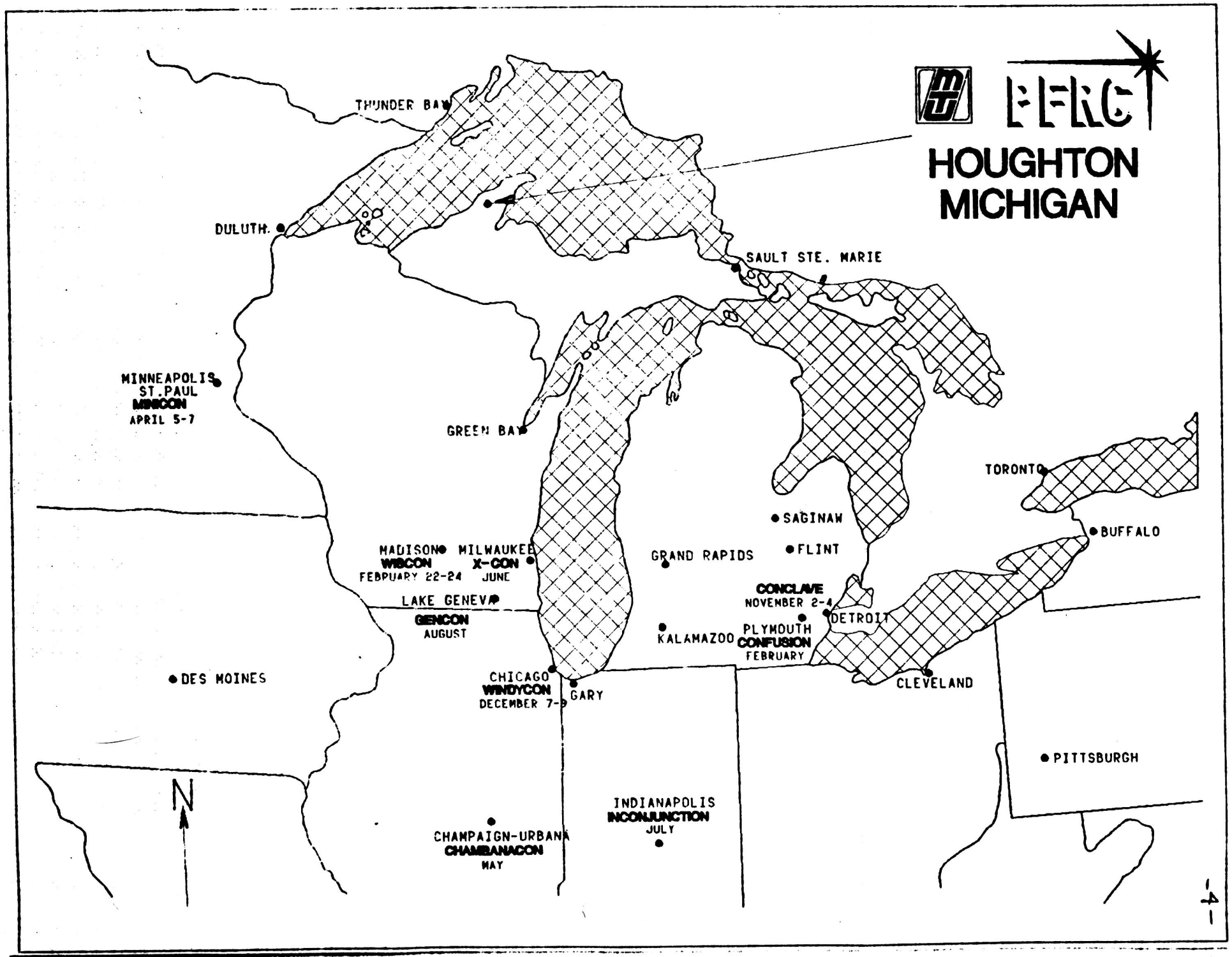
Constance L. Trembley
William de Beaubien

WENDY PINI REPORT

This past April, PFRC had the privilege of bringing Wendy Pini, author and artist of the Elfquest graphic novel, to the Michigan Tech Campus. She spent two days with us. Her visit included a radio interview, a presentation, an autograph session, a luncheon, and a party with the club. Her presentation was titled "Art in Science Fiction and Comics: How to Break in, Hang in and not get Hung Up." This presentation was held in Fisher 135.

In the PFRC Archives, we have collected pictures and materials pertaining to her visit. Funding for this visit came through movies we've shown in the past and a contribution from the Committee for Campus Enrichment. Future speakers will depend on funds available. Remember: when Tech calls for money, you can specify where it goes - designate it PFRC - Speakers.

Virginia Kasten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I stepped out of my Friday final, and joined the two other members who I was traveling to Wiscon with, Bob Yeo and Tim Eisele. The trip down was uneventful; we had no problem finding Wisconsin.

We arrived at the Con at about three o'clock local time, where we met the other attending PFRC member, Nick Faller. We wandered about the Con for awhile, getting a feel for the layout of the Madison Concourse. There were no problems with the elevators, as the convention activities were in the basement, and the Con-suite was on the third floor.

The only real problem with Wiscon showed up at about three o'clock on Saturday morning: the Con-suite closed! We wandered the hotel for about an hour, seeking a quiet place to continue our nocturnal activities, but, alas, hotel security found us and insisted that we go to our room or leave the hotel. Since we didn't have a room, that left us only one option, and we spent the hours from four to seven in an International House of Pancakes, which was conveniently open all night.

Doctor Who fandom was a major contingent at Wiscon, with about twenty Doctor Whos, one Doctor Who's Mother, and one Peter Davidson. There was enough yarn tied up in scarfs to keep a battalion of grandmothers happily knitting for a decade.

All four members attending thought that Wiscon was a good convention this year, and of the three asked, all plan on attending next year.

by Bill de Beaubien

MINICON 18

PFRC made a strong showing of members at this year's Minicon: there were 43 club members present, including about a dozen ASAKCA. Most of the membership showed up on Thursday, in time for the pre-Con party. Panels included a preview of the Last Starfighter and info on computer animation, a subject which interests many of our current members.

The Con-suite was large, encompassing five rooms, including a music room and a pool room (which had several inflateable pools, but no water). The blogh was plentiful, and, following the example of Paul Westerfield, the recipe follows: Mix the following together:

1 gallon gingerale
3/4 cup grenadine
1 12 ounce fruit concentrate limeade
1 12 ounce fruit concentrate lemonade
1 12 ounce fruit concentrate orange juice
1/2 of a fifth of vodka
Mix well, and add ice. Makes 1 bucket.

The Con-suite was open all night, which was a definite advantage over the other Cons which I attended in the last year, and there was a Filk-sing which lasted easily until 6:30 A.M.

All in all, Minicon lived up to its usual standard of excellance.

Bill de Beaubien

XCON VIII
June 8 - 10

We departed Houghton on Friday, June Eighth, after a brief stop at Tech to get our 1984-85 PFRC buttons stamped. We travelled through the Great Northern Wisconsin Dustbowl, stopping for lunch at Kentucky Fried Chicken, having decided that fast food joints like McDonald's and Burger King are really a communist plot to subvert the hamburger.

We found the convention fairly alive when we got there, including all night pool parties (outdoor), and Bob Asprin's room being open to all hours of the night (and morning). Unfortunately, the Con-suite closed at about three or four in the morning, and didn't reopen until nine or ten. Mad Mike's Movie Madness was at XCON, featuring, among others, the Star Trek Bloopers Reel, and the now infamous Johnson 's Baby Powder Commercial.

There were no elevator problems at XCON, mainly because the Con portion of the hotel was only two floors, and the elevators were about a ten minute walk from the rest of the Con. There was, however, a lake in between the hotel proper - which contained the huckster's room, art show, movies, et cetera - and the villas, which contained the rooms and the Con-suite. The idea of swimming the lake was mentioned, but we were informed that the lake contained leeches; someone had tried it last year.

We enjoyed XCON very much, and feel that the death of this Con has been greatly exagerated.

by Bill de Beaubien

FAN GoH 1985!

To all past, present, and future PFRC members: we have been invited to be the FAN GoH (Fan Guest of Honor) of Minicon 1985 (yes we have accepted). There will be one beanie to be shared by all members (who, when, and at what times have yet to be decided). As an interesting sidelight, James P. Hogan has been selected as Pro Guest of Honor. Since he is an honorary PFRC member (having been a speaker in spring, 1982), he will be both Fan GoH and Pro GoH! Minicon will be held in the Radison South, and rooms will be $40 flat (cram in as many people as will fit, or more, depending on individual tastes).

So keep Minicon in mind when deciding on what Cons to attend during the year of 1985!

Constance L. Trembley
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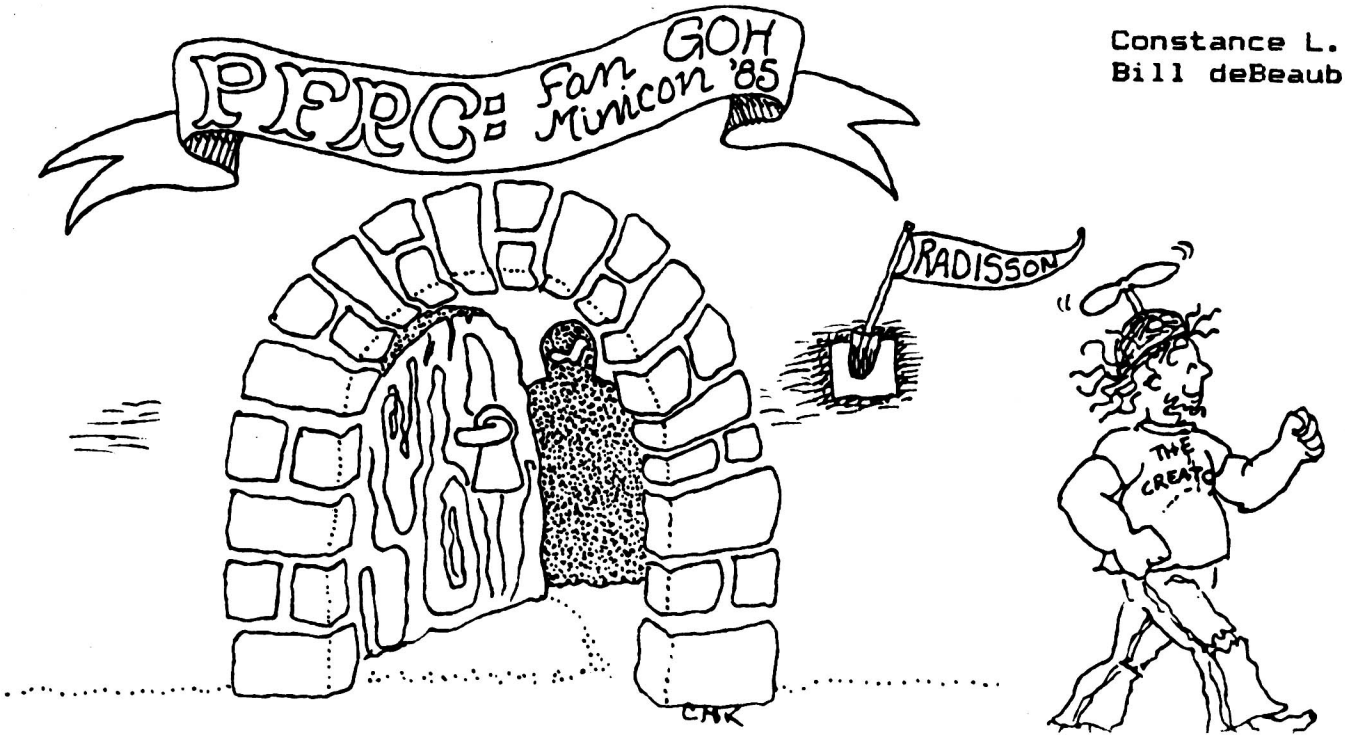

RIOT ACT CLASSIFIEDS

PERSONAL:

Wilson Bob Tucker, who was scheduled as toastmaster at XCON this year, could not make it because he was in surgery for the removal of catarachts. PFRC wishes him a quick recovery.

Imperial Princess, Far in body, Close to heart.

Hi Todd & Mary Lynn!
How's Fermi?
Bob/Con

Al, Todd, Paul...
Fractals are Neat!
Bob T.

Jimmy Hoffa, Please call home!

Guy
I was surprised to hear that your girlfriend moved in with you! I guess IBM really did make a new man out of you.
Larry Brader

WANTED:

Anyone who has any pix suitable for the Archives please send.
Archives Committee

Capt. Al!!!
We the new G.T.'s need plans and schizmatics for gadgets. Please send. Thanx.

FOR SALE:

2 300 Baud "Blue Box" AcoustijjModems, RS232 connectors, 1 working, 1 variable. Both for $50, or best offer. SWTP preamp, 10 band equalizer, and BIC turntable for sale for best offer. Jim Baranski, (906)-482-7119, 2010 E. Woodmar, Houghton, MI 49931

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